

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

Claims 12-20 stand pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-11 and added new claims 12-20. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

The drawings were objected to alleging that Figure 2 did not identify the filter and the nozzle. By this Amendment, Applicants have submitted a Replacement Sheet for Figure 2 which now includes reference number 501 identifying the filter. With regard to the nozzle, reference numeral 102 identifies the nozzle. However, due to a clerical typographical error, the specification on page 6, line 11 incorrectly identified the nozzle using reference numeral 1, where reference numeral 1 is used to identify the body. Accordingly, by this Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to correctly identify the nozzle as reference numeral 102 in accordance with the disclosure of Figures 1 and 2. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The specification was objected to for including an Abstract of the Disclosure with extraneous words such as "comprising" and for the figures failing to identify the filter in Figure 2. By this Amendment, Applicants have submitted a replacement Abstract of the Disclosure in compliance with MPEP § 608.01(b). Further, as discussed above, Applicants have submitted a Replacement Sheet for Figure 2 which identifies the filter as reference numeral 501. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

ATTACHMENT D
Amendments to the Drawings

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawings includes the following change:

Reference numeral 501, corresponding to the filter, has been added to Figure 2.

The Replacement Sheet replaces the original or previously filed corresponding sheets having the same figures.

Claims 1-3 and 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Albrecht (DE 19914651; hereinafter "DE '651").

By this Amendment, in order to more clearly recite what Applicants believe to be the invention and further in accordance with the embodiment of Figure 2, Applicants have canceled independent claim 1 and added new claim 12 which incorporates the subject matter of now canceled claims 1, 10 and 11. Accordingly, claim 12 recites, in part, an electrical appliance for heating a fluid in which a first section comprises a safety valve in correspondence with a heating chamber, where the valve is hidden by a mantle of a thermally insulating material. For example, referring to Figure 1 for exemplary purposes only, valve 124 is hidden by a mantle 4 which is made of a thermally insulating material.

DE '651 fails to teach or suggest the claimed valve which is hidden by a mantle of a thermally insulating material as claimed. In DE '651, a relief valve 13 is provided on an exterior wall of the boiler of the appliance and thus the relief valve 13 is not hidden by a thermal insulating material or any covering. Accordingly, claim 12 is not anticipated nor made obvious by DE '651.

In addition, dependent claims 13-20 are not anticipated or obvious in view of DE '651 for reciting additional elements not taught or suggested by the reference. For example, with regard to claim 15, the second section comprising a substantially tubular body which is connectible to one extremity of the body of the first section by an appropriate coupling means is not taught or suggested in DE '651.

Finally, Applicants respectfully submit that upon allowance of generic claim 12 readable on the embodiment of Figure 2, the species of claims 15-20, dependent therefrom and readable on the embodiments of Figures 3-5, will be allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 12 and further for reciting elements not taught or suggested by DE '651.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12-20 are not anticipated nor obvious in view of DE '651.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

END REMARKS